

In the Specification

1. At the bottom of page 4, in the second equation, please replace: (1) "n" with "v" and (2) "p" with "π" and (3) "x" with "ξ" as shown:

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$$[[n]]\underline{v}_n = (A^{1/2} V) / (2[[p]]\pi L^2) [[x]]\xi_n^2$$
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2. At the top of page 5, in the first equation, please replace b with β as shown:

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$$[[b]]\beta = GL^3 / EI$$
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3. At page 14, in the paragraph below Equation 13, please replace the text as follows:

a From this equation, the frequencies of the normal modes are calculated from the expression $[[n]]\underline{v} = (A^{1/2} V) / (2[[p]]\pi L^2) [[x]]\xi_n^2$. The curve β(ξ) is shown in Figure 4. There, the first three branches, corresponding to the lower three eigenfrequencies of the system, are drawn. For a given force-separation slope, β, corresponding to a horizontal line in the graph, there are three corresponding intersections and thus three frequencies. *NM*